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I am writing in support of Package 1. I am a resident who lives near the city of Morro Bay. As I'm sure you know, Morro Bay has a very important commercial fishing industry which is slowly being restricted right out of business. I have seen first hand the loss and devastation which occurs when a commercial fishermen abandons his boat because he can no longer afford to continue to run his business due to the increasing limitations put on his trade. The ripple effects from these abandoned boats, economically and environmentally, are numerous and far reaching. I recently came face to face with the reality of a fisherman's most important business partner (his boat) being demolished in front of me because he couldn't afford to maintain it any longer. This was eye opening and heart wrenching, at best. I am also aware of the displaced workers who have lost their livelihoods when the boats they worked on are suddenly taken out of commission for good. Having no other skills, and no hopes for finding a similar job in a failing industry, they are forced to resort to collecting cans to make ends meet.

I have always considered myself an environmentalist. But I have seen the other side of the good intentions of preserving the ocean waters. And I agree that conservation is important. But I also believe that the responsible commercial and recreational fishermen want to work in concert with those who desire to protect the ocean. After all, with as much time as they spend out there, I believe many of them have an affinity to the sea and have no desire to lose their connection to it.

I hope that you will take into consideration the human element of this initiative and not forget the many people whose entire lives will be impacted by what you decide. I believe those in the fishing industry and the environmentalists can work together with due respect for each and the precious commodity they are both trying to preserve. Therefore, I hope that you will approve the passage of Package 1.

Thank you.  
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